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Ambassador raised reftel points on Kosovo February 20 with Prime Minister Jacques Edouard Alexis, asking that the Government of Haiti promptly grant diplomatic recognition to the independent state of Kosovo, and emphasizing that the Ahtissari Plan represents the best way forward for Kosovo and the region. Ambassador also emphasized the gathering wave of European Union and other states that have already recognized Kosovo. The Prime Minister said he could not make such a commitment for the Government of Haiti, but would raise the issue with President Preval.

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